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SUBJECT: U.S.-MEXICO TRADE SUBGROUP MEETING AGENDA

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1. WE PASSED LIST OF U.S. DELEGATION TO THE U.S.-MEXICAN
TRADE SUBGROUP MEETING OF MAY 11-12 TO HECTOR HERNANDEZ,
DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS. HE SAID MEXICAN DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF
FOLLOWING:

- A) HECTOR HERNANDEZ, CHAIRMAN.
- B) ROBERTO DAVILA, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR COMMERCIAL
POLICY.

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- C) ABEL GARRIDO, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.
- D) ALFREDO GUTIERREZ, TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, MEXICAN
EMBASSY, WASHINGTON.
- E) PARTICIPATION OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM MINISTRIES OF
TREASURY, PATRIMONY, AGRICULTURE, AND FOREIGN

RELATIONS. NAMES WILL BE GIVEN TO US LATER IN WEEK.

2. MEXICANS HAVE PROMISED US A LIST OF THEIR AGENDA TOPICS LATER THIS WEEK. FOR OUR PART, WE SUGGEST TOPICS LISTED BELOW SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN AGENDA. WITH EXCEPTION OF (C) WE DID NOT DISCUSS WITH MEXICANS OUR SUGGESTIONS.

A) VALUE OF GATT TO MEXICO.

B) MEXICAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO MTN.

C) MEXICAN NON-NATIONAL TAXATION OF FOREIGN WINE (SEE MEXICO 6747 PLUS MEXICO 6190 AND 5972 ON MEXICAN IMPORT DUTIES).

D) MEXICAN SALES OF RAILROAD CARS UNDER GSP. (WE SHOULD NOT INITIATE, BUT MEXICANS WILL PROBABLY RAISE; SEE STATE 055803.)

E) LOW UTILIZATION RATE OF GSP BY MEXICO AND FAILURE OF MEXICO TO SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN GSP.

F) MEXICAN RATIFICATION OF U.S.-MEXICO BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT (ARMENDARIZ, ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO SECRETARY ROEL, TOLD EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR ON APRIL 14 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT MEXICO HAS NO INTENTION OF RATIFYING UNTIL MTN COMPLETED. IT IS PART OF THE PACKAGE).

3. VARIOUS ITEMS REMAIN FROM AUGUST MEETING OF TRADE SUBGROUP.

A) MEXICAN PROPOSAL THAT IN COMPUTING GSP COMPETITIVE CEILINGS ONLY VALUE ADDED BY MEXICO BE USED FOR 807 ITEMS. (MEXICANS BELIEVE WE OWE THEM A REPLY ON THIS POINT. SEE STATE 182775/1977, PARA EIGHT.)

B) PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO'S CONCEPT OF COMPLEMENTARITY IN AGRICULTURAL TRADE. (PROBABLY NOT MUCH HERE; LET MEXICANS RAISE. SEE STATE 182775/1977, PARA NINE. LOPEZ PORTILLO BROUGHT UP SUBJECT DURING BERGLAND VISIT; SEE STATE 021978 AND MEXICO 04652.)

C) IT MAY NOT HURT TO REMIND MEXICANS THAT THEY HAVE NEVER GIVEN US THEIR COMMENTS ON OUR DRAFT MINUTES OF LAST TRADE SUBGROUP MEETING (STATE 182775/1977). LUCEY

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